

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting
1:00 PM, Monday, July 30, 2012

Chuck Garner, Tom Ring, Bill Ferry, Carron Helberg, Teresa Hauser Merriman, Larry Martin, Kurt Walker, Sage Park, Ron Van Gundy, Stan Isley, Dave Brown, Paul LaRiviere, Stuart Crane, Bob Barwin, Candy Graff

Chuck Garner brought the meeting to order. Stan had reviewed all the minutes previously (from the July 2nd and June 4th WTWG meetings) and the group approved them.

The group started with 2012-30, Williams/Amerinvest, which is superseded by 2012-34, Allwest LLC. Jeff Slothower explained this proposal, it is a class 3 water right on Manastash Creek, will use the Storage Exchange Contract only if necessary to offset any operational impact to the Yakima Project, could be one well or it could be two. Bob Barwin explained at length about water availability for the different classes of Manastash Creek water, the group talked about the flow, about the Storage Contract, and the benefit of all the water. It was explained it will be plumbed inside the house and KRD water is available to satisfy outside uses. Tom Ring asked about double counting of the water. The group gave this proposal a thumbs-up recommendation.

2012-35 -- Ford/Suncadia – Kurt Walker explained this proposal, talked about water budget neutrality, 500 square feet of lawn and garden irrigation, near Yakima River, and the groundwater pumping impacts express themselves in the Yakima River. It is mitigated from the Suncadia Lamb & Anderson water right. The group gave it a thumbs-up recommendation.

2012-36 -- Thomas and 2012-37 Watts, are both under Suncadia. These proposals are neighbors; Kurt explained it is in the Lodge Creek watershed which goes into Lake Kachess. There are no Lodge Creek fish concerns. The group gave this proposal a thumbs-up recommendation.

The next Water Transfer Working Group meeting will be on August 27, 2012 at 1:00 PM.

Chuck adjourned the meeting.